

REMARKS

By this Amendment, and as proposed during the October 17 personal interview, Applicants amend claims 1, 10, 11, and 16 and cancel claims 7, 12, and 13. Thus, claims 1-6, 8-11, and 14-17 are pending in this application. Applicants also amend the title. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiners Marini and Colilla during the October 17 personal interview. Applicants incorporate a separate record of the interview in to the following remarks.

The Office Action objects to the title as non-descriptive. By this Amendment, the title is amended to recite "Sheet Package with Identification Mark, and Printer Using the Same," as suggested by the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

The Office Action objects to claims 7, 11, and 16 for informalities. By this Amendment, claims 1 (now including canceled claim 7), 11 and 16 are amended as agreed during the personal interview to correct the informalities. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, and 5-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,053,814 to Takano et al. (Takano) and rejects claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Takano in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,217,019 to Ishiduka et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.


In particular, as agreed during the personal interview, Takano and Ishiduka fail to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the features of claims 1 and 11. Accordingly, claims 1 and 11 are patentable over the combination of Takano and Ishiduka. Further, claims 2-6, 8-10, and 14-17 are patentable for at least the reasons that claims 1 and 11 are patentable, as well as

for the additional features they recite. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly solicit favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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